

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of storing digitally-encoded material, the method comprising:
associating a unique identifier with the digitally-encoded material; and
associating one or more built-in functions with the digitally-encoded material such that the unique identifier and the built-in functions are coupled to the digitally-encoded material, the built-in functions governing transforms and rendering of the digitally-encoded material, wherein the digitally-encoded material can be transformed and rendered only by the built-in functions that include at least an encryption function.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
associating a history of the digitally-encoded material with the digitally-encoded material.
3. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
associating a history of the digitally-encoded material, the history being located in a database.
4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the built-in functions include one or more of Copy, Paste ~~and~~ or Print.
5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the associating the built-in functions comprising the encrypt function and a decrypt function with the digitally-encoded material enables the digitally-encoded material to be stored in RAM in an encrypted form.

6. (Currently Amended) A method for tracking digitally-encoded material, the method comprising:
- appending a unique identifier to the digitally-encoded material;
 - encrypting a combination including the digitally-encoded material and the unique identifier; and
 - appending built-in function source code and the encrypted combination to form an executable entity capable of being executed independent of ~~an~~ a particular operating system, wherein the digitally-encoded material can be transformed and rendered only by the built-in functions that comprise at least an encrypt function and a decrypt function.
7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6 wherein the built-in functions include one or more of Copy, Paste ~~and~~ or Print.
8. (Original) The method of claim 6 wherein the built-in functions include rendering functions and transform functions.
9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8 wherein the rendering functions include one or more of close, find shape, full screen, go to, guides, help, open, order, pan, properties, reveal, rotate/flip, search, select, size and position, spell check, ~~and~~ or zoom.
10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8 wherein the transform functions include one or more of copy, DRM Agent, ~~encrypt/decrypt~~, export, insert, log, new, paste, print, replace, ~~and~~ or save as.
11. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium storing a document configured to enable tracking, the document comprising:
- a unique identifier;
 - digitally-encoded material associated with the unique identifier; and
 - one or more built-in functions coupled to the digitally-encoded material, the built-in functions govern transforms and render the digitally-encoded material independent of a particular operating system, and wherein the digitally-encoded material can be transformed and

rendered only by the built-in functions that comprise at least an encrypt and a decrypt function.

12. (Original) The document of claim 11 wherein the document can be stored in encrypted form into RAM.

13. (Original) The document of claim 11 wherein the built-in functions include rendering functions and transform functions.

14. (Currently Amended) The document of claim 13 wherein the rendering functions include one or more of close, find shape, full screen, go to, guides, help, open, order, pan, properties, reveal, rotate/flip, search, select, size and position, spell check, ~~and~~ or zoom.

15. (Currently Amended) The document of claim 13 wherein the transform functions include one or more of copy, DRM Agent, ~~encrypt/decrypt~~, export, insert, log, new, paste, print, replace, and save as.

16. (Currently Amended) A computer readable storage medium having computer-executable instructions to perform acts for storing digitally-encoded material, the acts comprising:
associating a unique identifier with the digitally-encoded material; and
associating one or more built-in functions with the digitally-encoded material such that the unique identifier and the built-in functions are coupled to the digitally-encoded material; ~~and~~ including encrypt and decrypt functions within the built-in functions; and
rendering or transforming the digitally-encoded material based on the built-in functions, wherein the digitally-encoded material can be transformed and rendered only by the built-in functions.

17. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium of claim 16 wherein the acts further comprise:

associating a history of the digitally-encoded material with the digitally-encoded material wherein the history is located in a database.

18. (Canceled)

19. (Canceled)

20. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium of claim 16 wherein the built-in functions include one or more of copy, paste or print and the associating the built-in functions with the digitally-encoded material enables the digitally-encoded material to be stored in RAM in an encrypted form.

21. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium having computer-executable instructions to perform acts for tracking digitally-encoded material, the acts comprising:

appending a unique identifier to the digitally-encoded material;

encrypting a combination including the digitally-encoded material and the unique identifier; ~~and~~

forming an executable entity capable of being executed independent of a particular operating system by appending built-in function source code to the encrypted combination; and including at least an encryption and decryption function with the built-in function source code so that the digitally-encoded material can be transformed and rendered only by the built-in functions.

22. (Original) The computer readable of claim 21 wherein the acts further comprise: tracking the digitally-encoded material by maintaining an auditable document history log.

23. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium of claim ~~24~~ 22 wherein the auditable document history log is maintained in one of a file associated with the digitally-encoded material and a database independent of the digitally-encoded material.

24. (New) The method of claim 10, including the copy function in the transform functions wherein upon executing the copy function a second unique identifier is generated and appended

to a generated copy of the digitally encoded material such that the copy comprises the unique identifier and the second unique identifier.

25. (New) The method of claim 24, wherein executing the copy function updates document history of the digitally encoded material and the generated copy and informs at least an author of the digitally encoded material of the generated copy.